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Figure 1: Example transmission of data over a communications network

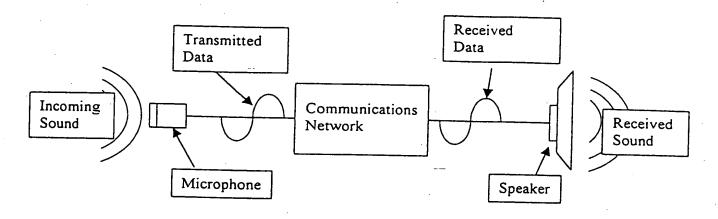
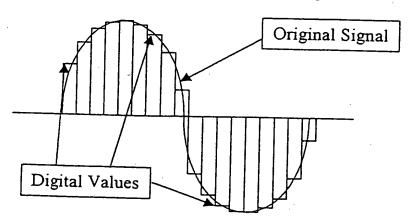
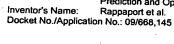
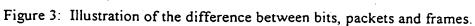


Figure 2: Creation of a digital signal from an analog signal



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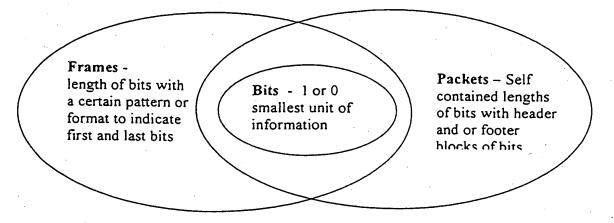


Figure 4: Illustration of the data displayed in each node of the Tree View of a data communications network.

- •Name and type of network device
 - -Specifications
 - •Electrical, Optical, and Electromagnetic specific operating parameters
 - •Software, Firmware and Hardware version numbers and settings —Physical connectors
 - •Specifications and setting specific to each connector





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Figure 5: Method for creating a 3-D site specific model of the environment

Create a 3-D site-specific model of the environment where the network will be located Layout all network devices in the created environment Add a device to current logical tree layout of network devices known as the Bill of Materials Place the added device in the precise, 3-D location in the modeled environment where the actual network device is located Configure the modeled device parameters or download the current settings from the actual device Add another Yes device? No Modeled environment now ready for data collection, performance prediction, performance

visualization and system optimization

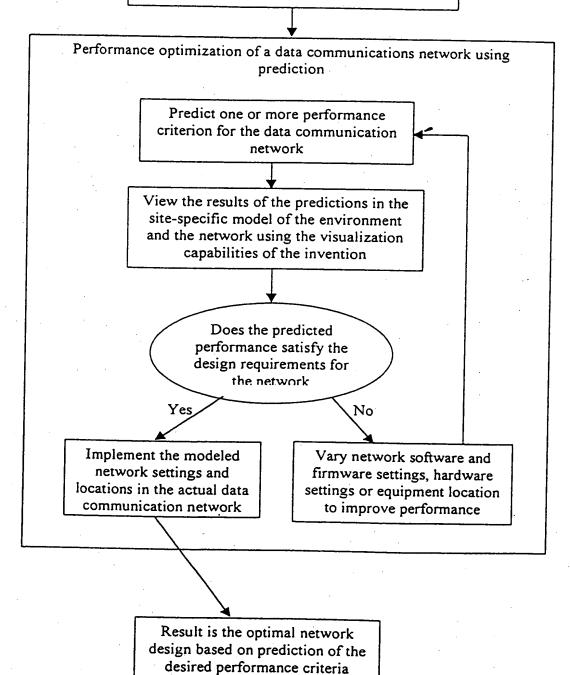
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Figure 6: Method for optimizing a data communications network using predictions

Prediction optimization procedure needs a model of the environment and a model of data communications equipment



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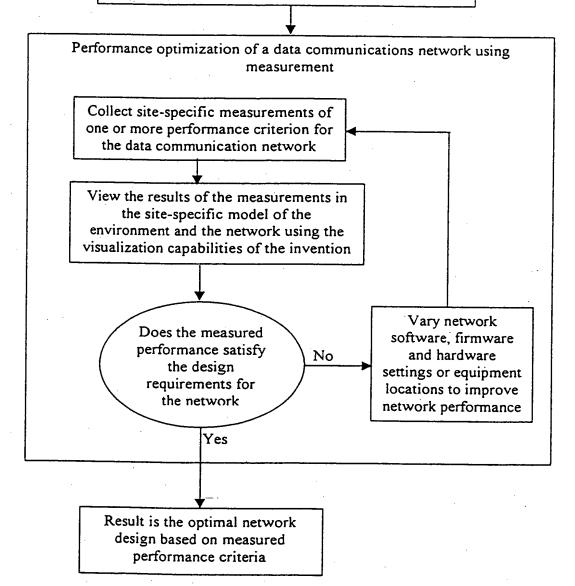
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Figure 7: Method for optimizing a data communications network using measurements

Measurement optimization procedure needs a model of the environment and the data communications equipment and site-specific measurements of one or more performance criteria



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Figure8: Method for optimizing a data communications network using predictions and measurements.

